

REMARKS

Re-examination and reconsideration of the rejections are hereby requested.

Claims 1–15 and 17–20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-14 and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102b as being anticipated by McConnell, et al., US Patent No. 6,011,373. Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over McConnell in view of applicants admission of prior art.

Claim 1 has been amended herein to add a limitation of means for selecting a desired trajectory. The examiner correctly pointed out that original Claim 1 did not have such limitation and yet Applicant argued such limitation as a distinction over McConnell. Claim 1 now explicitly requires means for selecting a desired trajectory.

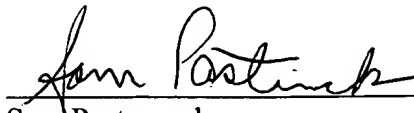
McConnell is directed to a robust vibration suppression method and system that can be used with computer peripherals such as inkjet printers. Although McConnell suggests reducing noise generation in an inkjet printer in the example given at Column 22 referred to by the examiner, McConnell does not disclose selecting a desired trajectory and moving the movable element along a desired trajectory. These material limitations of selecting a desired trajectory and moving the movable element along the desired trajectory are not taught or suggested by McConnell.

In his response to arguments previously submitted by Applicant, the examiner refers to Column 11 at lines 55-65 and Column 13 at lines 45-50 along with Figure 12. The examiner states that input commands taught by McConnell include “desired level of robustness, noise generation potential, and response time.” It is submitted that those kinds of commands are in no way equivalent to “selecting a desired trajectory” that comprises an input in the present invention.

It is noted that Claim 15 depends from independent Claim 1 and is allowable for the reasons discussed above in connection with Claim 1.

It is submitted that the pending claims as amended herein are in condition for allowance and early favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,
CHOATE, HALL & STEWART LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Pasternack", is written over a horizontal line.

Sam Pasternack
Registration No. 29,576

Date: September 8, 2006
Patent Department
CHOATE, HALL & STEWART
Two International Place
Boston, MA 02110
Tel: (617) 248-5000
Fax: (617) 248-4000